

The invention claimed is:

1 1. A method for determining communication rates, comprising the steps of:
2 identifying a set of possible communication rates based on an amount of transmit power available
3 for communications; and
4 identifying a communication rate based on a received signal quality.

1 2. A method for determining communication rates, comprising the steps of:
2 identifying a set of possible communication rates based on a number of available
3 communication channels; and
4 identifying a communication rate based on a received signal quality.
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1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the communication channels are defined by Walsh
2 codes.

1 4. A method for determining communication rates, comprising the steps of:
2 identifying a set of possible communication rates based on an amount of transmit power
3 available for communications and a number of available communication channels; and
4 identifying a communication rate based on a received signal quality.

1 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the communication channels are defined by Walsh
2 codes.